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In my 6 years of Grace Family Bible School the most influential story that I learned about was the story of Esther. In the story of Esther she faces challenges like people trying to murder her own people, she had a difficult life being orphaned at a young age and having to be adopted by her cousin Mordecai. Even though she had to go through all these difficult things she still trusted God. There are three main things that Esther did that I would like to do in my life too.

Esther was an orphan who did not come from a prominent family but God would control the situation so that she became queen. Esther was dealing with dangerous situations like having someone want to kill the king and then plotting to kill her people. Esther did not fear her challenging situations because she trusted God to lead her. Another opposition that they faced was King Ahasuerus not being able to take back the decree that he made because it was stamped by his ring. Even with this challenge they still found a way to protect Jews by writing a second decree that allowed all the Jews to be able to carry weapons and protect themselves. God continued to show that he was in control and had the ability to make things turn out in the best way. A time that I had to trust in God was when I had to perform playing my instrument in front of a large crowd, for a concert. At first I was very scared because I was new to playing this instrument and did not feel that I practiced enough. Leading up to concert I was very worried and almost did not want

to perform at all but then I knew I had to trust God and began to feel at peace. The concert came and I did not feel as scared. It went by great and I saw that trusting things to God was better than worrying.

Another powerful theme I saw in this story was to always trust in God even when you don't know what the plan is. Esther made sure to fast and pray to God for protection and guidance. This shows the importance of prayer in addition to trusting God. I pray every day about many things but especially when there are very important things going on. I know that I can trust God in my prayers because I have seen Him answer my prayers. A few examples have been when people I knew were sick or going through difficult situations and God healed them or helped their bad situation. Sometimes it took time to see a result but I know that God answers our prayers because He loves us.

The third thing I learned about was the importance of following God's commandments. Esther continued to live her life in a way that showed that she was a child of God, treating people properly and reacting to situations with kindness and grace. I know that we should follow the commands set by God even though it can be difficult. In my life I have many situations where I see or hear things that do not reflect a Christian lifestyle and have to avoid these things. Sin is everywhere and so I have to work hard to avoid it. Following the example set by Jesus requires a lot of effort but is possible with God's help. I want to make sure I always live as a Christian.

Always trusting in God shows us that even if we think all hope is lost there will always be hope in God's plan. God will give me the strength, wisdom and faith needed to live my life in a good way as long as I trust God, always pray and follow His commands.